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Title : **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EFFICIENT  
IDENTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE AND  
NEAR-DUPLICATE DOCUMENTS AND TEXT SPANS  
USING HIGH-DISCRIMINABILITY FRAGMENTS**

Group Art Unit : 2131

Examiner : *Not Yet Assigned*

**THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The present application is the priority application for PCT Application No. PCT/US01/48124, filed on October 31, 2001. Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including a copy of an International Preliminary Examination Report, which issued in the corresponding PCT Application.

Applicant respectfully draws the Examiner's attention to boxes V1 and V2. In particular, the Examiner handling the corresponding PCT Application has indicated that all

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of pending claims 1-39 are novel, include an inventive step and have industrial applicability.

In particular, the International Examiner explains that:

"Claims 1-39 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest selecting distinctive features contained in the collection of documents, identifying the distinctive features contained in the document, and for each pair of documents having at least one distinctive feature in common, comparing the distinctive features of the documents to determine whether the documents are duplicate or near-duplicate documents."

Applicant further requests the Examiner's consideration in connection with the present case of this favorable International Preliminary Examination Report, which includes an identical and unmodified set of claims with respect to the PCT Application. Favorable action on the currently-pending United States application is respectfully requested.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, it is timely filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) and no fee is required. The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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